# HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

<u>Councilmember's & Mayor Present</u>: Thomas Wheeler: President, Raymond Johnson; Vice President, Judy Coleman, Nick Lodise, Debbie Mahon, Dan Mandolesi, Dale Walton and Mayor Harris.

### Councilmember's Absent: None

<u>Other's in Attendance</u>: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Police Chief Tom Walton, Treasurer Diane McKairnes, Authority Manager Roberta Turner, Historical Society Chair Marce Heald, Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

**Guests in Attendance:** Patricia Taggart

<u>Call to Order:</u> Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 and September 18, 2012.

**Police Report:** Mr. Johnson reviewed the Police Report of September 2012: 19 Incidents, 12 Traffic, 5 Parking, 1 Accidents, 5 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 8 District Court, 1 County Court and 0 EMS Call; 224 total hours worked; for a combined salary \$4,295.41.

- Mr. Johnson noted that Chief Walton has presented the 2013 budget items for consideration as they relate to the police department.
- Three officers worked on Saturday, September 29, 2012 for the Hulmeville Flea Market.
- Chief Walton will begin researching grants to cover cameras and vests. He advised Council that they will need to prepare a resolution stating that the vests are mandatory for the police officers to help in the preparation of the grants.

#### **Public Comment:** None

#### **Authority Report:**

- Ms. Turner submitted the Corrective Action Plan for Chapter 94.
- Tri-Annual inspection will be performed on October 4, 2012.
- Ms. Turner noted concerns with the 2 inch primary meter on Neshaminy Street not always providing proper reads; she suspects that the meter may need to be replaced.
- Mrs. Mahon questioned whether the Authority employees are covered through workers compensation insurance; Mrs. Boyle noted that all compensated employees are covered.
- Mrs. Mahon also noted that the Authority has had extensive discussion about hiring a certified water operator.

### **Boro Property:**

- Mr. Mandolesi noted that the tenants at 114 Trenton Ave. have closed the General Store and have vacated the property; termination of lease effective September 30, 2012.
- Mr. Mandolesi noted that there is an active security system at 114 Trenton Ave.; Council agreed to continue the security system at a monthly rate of \$26.00; a motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize the \$26.00 monthly expenditure for the security system.
- Mr. Mandolesi noted that he met with Sam Lodise who advised moving the router from the Mayor's office to the Secretary office.
- Mr. DeBias prepared the termination of lease agreement for Jeff and Kathy Hirko. A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize signature of the termination of lease agreement with Jeff and Kathy Hirko effective October 1, 2012. Mrs. McKairnes noted that the Hirko's have two outstanding rent checks; Council agreed to only require reimbursement of one check in the amount of \$800.00.
- Mr. Lodise opened four bids for removing the trees in front of the Borough Hall at 321 Main Street:

	Rate to remove	Rate to remove			
	one tree	two trees			
W.T. Burns	\$800.00				
Ricks	\$1700.00	\$2500.00			
Young's	\$700.00	\$3000.00			
Spencer's	\$825.00	2225.00			

- Mr. Mandolesi will contact W.T. Burns to get a quote for the removal of both trees prior to a final decision. A motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Walton set the dollar amount of \$2225.00 for the removal of both trees.
- Mr. Walton voiced his concern with the overgrown weeds, hedges and damaged sidewalks at the Lenihen property at 910 Bellevue Ave. (TMP#16-1-38); Mr. Lewis will be contacted to speak with the property owner.

#### **Solicitor Report:**

- Mr. DeBias received confirmation from Mario Canales that he advised Mr. Piotrowski that Mr. Schmid will be required to submit a site plan application and also plans to FEMA for his property at 1 Hulme Street (TMP#16-3-1 & #16-3-2).
- Mr. DeBias noted that the Main Street Bridge grant application has been submitted to the Redevelopment Authority for the 2013 grant process.
- Mr. DeBias presented members with the bid tabulation for the 2012/2013 snow and ice removal contract. A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the bid submitted by CDU Stormwater Maintenance & Management Systems, LLC.(\$80.00 hourly rate one plow, \$160.00 hourly rate two plows, \$110.00 salt per ton, \$95.00 backhoe per hour, \$125.00 wheel loader per hour)

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of October 1, 2012 was made available for inspection:

**General Fund Checking** Balance as of September 1, 2012:

	Exp	enses Totaled:	- \$ 50,.	310.00
	Inco	me Totaled:	\$ 1.	965.42
	General Fund Checking Balance as of Se	ptember 30, 2012:	\$ 61,	341.71
•	Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of Se	ptember 1, 2012:	\$ 132	,980.57
	Expe	enses Totaled:	- \$ 15	,133.51
	Inco	me Totaled:	\$	476.97
	Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of Sept	tember 30, 2012:	\$118,	324.03
•	Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of Augu	ust 1, 2012:	\$360,	528.48
	Inter	est/ August	\$	11.99
	Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of Augus	t 31, 2012:	\$360,	540.47

• **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of August 1, 2012: \$ 29,346.68 Interest/August \$ .98

Expenses Totaled: -\sum\_ . 00
August 31, 2012: \sum\_ 29,347.66

Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2012: \$29,347.66

• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 1, 2012: \$36,703.02 Interest/August: \$1.22

General Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2012: \$36,704.24

**<u>Bills:</u>** A copy of the bill list dated October 1, 2012 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

• **General Fund** beginning balance as of October 1, 2012: \$ 65,702.30 ending balance as of October 1, 2012: \$ 45,861.30

• **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of October 1, 2012: \$ 118,244.03 ending balance as of October 12, 2012: \$ 103,932.18

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated October 1, 2012.

<u>Communications:</u> Letter of September 2012 from the PA Department of Transportation indicating estimated Liquid Fuels (Act 655) for 2013 in the amount of \$16,764.36.

Mrs. Mahon suggested that two new evergreen trees be planted in front of the Borough Hall to replace the ones being removed.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mrs. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle Hulmeville Borough Secretary

# HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL Work Session Meeting Minutes October 16, 2012

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

<u>Councilmembers Present</u>: Thomas Wheeler, President, Raymond Johnson, Vice-President, Debbie Mahon, Nick Lodise, Judy Coleman and Dan Mandolesi.

**Councilmember's Absent**: Dale Walton and Mayor Harris

<u>Other's in Attendance</u>: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Zoning Officer Frank Lewis and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

**Guests in Attendance:** William Burns

<u>Call to Order:</u> Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:45pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**<u>2013 Budget:</u>** Mrs. Coleman reviewed the preliminary budget with members and addressed their concerns. Next meeting set for October 23, 2012 to finalize the budget to present to Council at the November 5, 2012 meeting.

### **Solicitor Report:**

- Mr. DeBias noted that the hearing scheduled for October 16, 2012 for Mr. Cubernot (TMP#16-1-82) has been rescheduled for November 7, 2012. Mrs. Boyle will send a letter to District Judge Baranoski to advise him that Hulmeville Borough opposes Mr. Cubernot's request to reduce his fines and to inform the court that there will not be a representative from the Borough at the hearing.
- Mr. DeBias reviewed new case law which has established that emails on personal computers from Council members in connection with their capacity as a public official are now open for public record through the open record law.
- There was discussion relative to case law effecting nuisance vehicles.
- Mr. DeBias will prepare an ordinance and advertisement to formally accept and dedicate Micelle Ct. Mr. DeBias requested a site plan to finalize the application.
- Mr. Wheeler noted that the Borough is entitled to \$1500 in grant funding through the RDA for radios; however, the cost for a radio is approximately \$4500. Mr. Wheeler recommended that Council either use the funds to purchase accessories for the radios or return the funding. He will speak with the RDA to determine whether purchasing the accessories is acceptable. Members recommended purchasing the accessories; Mr. Wheeler will contact the RDA with these intentions.

<u>Personnel:</u> Mr. Wheeler presented members with his recommendation for a job description for the Licensed Water Operator which the Authority has proposed hiring. Mrs. Mahon will meet with Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority to discuss the possibility of them acting as the Licensed Certified Water Operator.

The meeting convened to an executive session at 9:50 to discuss litigation matters; Mr. Mandolesi excused himself from the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mrs. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle Hulmeville Borough Secretary